

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed May 5, 2005 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 28, 30, 33, and 35 have been amended. Claims 16, 29 and 34 are canceled. Claims 1-15, 17-28, 30-33, and 35-36 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 28, and 33 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

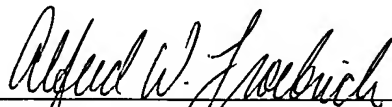
In the Office Action mailed May 5, 2005, claims 16, 29-31, and 34-36 were found to contain allowable subject matter. In view of the allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 is amended to include the recitations of claim 16, independent claim 28 is amended to include the recitations of claim 29, and independent claim 33 is amended to include the recitation of claim 34.

Since each of the independent claims is amended to incorporate allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that each of independent claims 1, 28, and 33 is now allowable.

Dependent claims 2-15, 17-27, 30-32, and 35-36, each being dependent on one of independent claims 1, 28, and 33, are deemed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as are independent claims 1, 28, and 33, as well as for the additional recitations contained therein.

In view of the above remarks, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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